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EYES ONLY FOR BOWDEN, OASIA FROM HUMMON

REF: YOUR SERVICE MESSAGE OF JUNE 3, 1977

1. MY TELEX OF JUNE 1 TO CISLER (RECEIVED JUNE 2)
WAS PERSONAL MESSAGE SENT COMMERCIALY. COPY WAS BEING
SENT TO YOU BY LETTER WITH COMMENT. DID NOT FEEL IT
APPROPRIATE TO SEND THIS TYPE OF MESSAGE THROUGH OUR
REGULAR TELEX.

MY MESSAGE WAS PROMPTED BY FACT THAT OUR USREP 634 OF MAY 24
GIVING FRANK ASSESSMENT WAS TURNED OVER TO OAAI DETROIT
AND MISUNDERSTOOD BY THEM. BAKER AND GRISLER ARRIVED
HERE IN AGITATED FASHION. BAKER IN PARTICULAR
EMOTIONALLY UPSET AND SAID HE CONSIDERED USREP 634
A "PERSONAL ATTACK ON HIM BY USREP", THAT HE "HAD
THREATENED TO RESIGN", ETC. MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO
CISLER, WHICH I SHOWED TO BAKER, WAS IN LARGE PART
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TO ALLEVIATE BAKER'S CONCERNS IN THE FACE OF OUR DIFFICULT
DISCUSSIONS WITH BAWARDY REPORTED IN USREP 711 OF JUNE 3.

2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REPORT FULLY AND CURRENTLY
PER OUR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH YOU. THIS
INCLUDES LAYING OUT THE BARE FACTS AS IN USREP 634.
BELIEVE IT BEST THAT TELEXES OF THAT TYPE NOT BE TURNED OVER

TO CONTRACTORS, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN REASONS IN THIS INSTANCE OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE. IN ANY EVENT, I REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WITH YOU OR INCONVENIENCE OVER MY CABLE TO CISLER, WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE FOR WALKER CISLER FROM
JOHN HUMMON: BEGIN TEXT: BAKER AND GRISLER'S COMMENTS UPON ARRIVING HERE TODAY INDICATE A MISUNDERSTANDING OVER INTENT OF RECENT TELEX WE SENT TO WASHINGTON ON HOTWIRE INSTALLATION AT NASSERIAH. PURPOSE OF TELEX WAS TO EMPHASIZE THREE POINTS, FIRST, OUR STRONG BELIEF IN USREP THAT THERE BE A PERSON PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED HERE BY OAAI WITH ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS WHO CAN BE A DAY-TO-DAY CONSULTANT TO THE SAG INSTITUTIONS (WE VERY MUCH AWARE YOU ARE ATTEMPTING RECRUIT SUCH A PERSON); SECONDLY, TO REPORT FACTUALLY THE GREAT CONCERN EXPRESSED BY BAWARDY EXACTLY AS HE STATED IT OVER THE INSTALLATION AT NASSERIAH; THIRD, TO NOTE OUR POSITION ON THE COST ESTIMATES AS REFLECTED IN THE DOCUMENTATION. IT WAS IN NO REPEAT NO WAY INTENDED AS A CRITICISM OF BAKER OR OF OAAI, EXCEPT THAT WE DO BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A FULL-TIME ENGINEER HERE. I PERSONALLY WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF BOB BAKER WERE THAT MAN.

ALL OF US HAD A LONG SESSION TODAY WITH BAWARDY AND PROGRESS WAS MADE. BAKER WILL BE MEETING AGAIN TONIGHT WITH BAWARDY, GE, ETC., AND USREP WILL HAVE ANOTHER SESSION TOMORROW. I HOPE I CAN JOIN IN ON YOUR PHONE CALL TOMORROW IF POSSIBLE.
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WITH ALL BEST WISHES. END TEXT. UNQUOTE
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